

REMARKS

Applicant has considered all points made by the examining attorney in the Office Action and has responded to same in order to ensure compliance with the applicable rules.

Allowable Matter

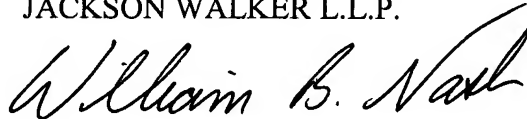
The examining attorney has determined that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so rewritten this claim, without prejudice, by amendment above.

The Applicant thanks the examining attorney for the allowed claims.

CONCLUSION

At this time and in view of Applicants' amendments and arguments set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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